

Return to school Level 3 plus

Information current as at 7 October 2021

Developed in partnership with NSW Health



Acknowledgement of Country



I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our college is located, the Warawara people of the Dharug Nation. I also acknowledge that I am hosting this virtual assembly from the lands of the Wangal people of the Eora Nation and pay my respects to the Ongoing Custodians of the various lands on which you are all calling in from today and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people participating in this assembly and throughout our school community.

What we'll cover in this session

Term 4 return to school



Department preschools,
Kindergarten & Year 1

18
October

All other years

25
October

- Key dates
- COVID-safe practices at our school
- Vaccinations
- HSC- Where to find out more
- Questions and answers


What you need to know about our return to school in Term 4

We're excited about our return to face-to-face learning and welcoming students and staff back onsite where we know the best learning happens.

We are taking a layered-approach to ensuring our school is safe for our staff and students.

Our guidance was developed with NSW Health and is evidence-based to give us multiple layers of protection.

COVID-safe operations for schools

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Key dates for our staged return

It's important that we stick to the staged return to give us time to be ready to welcome back students onsite. Students will return to face-to-face learning in the following order:

- from 18 October – Year 12 students attend for HSC revision and support
- from 25 October – Year 11

Primary school students return




Department preschools, Kindergarten & Year 1

18
October

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

25
October

Secondary school students return



HSC Students

18
October

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11

25
October

Vaccinations

COVID-19 vaccination is the best protection against severe illness and also reduces the risk of spreading it to others.

All staff required on site supporting the return to school will need to be fully vaccinated from 18 October.

Then from 8 November all staff, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement on a school site will need to be fully vaccinated.



Keeping student groups together

As we return to school students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment.



This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible.

Current Year 12 students will only be at school for revision in study bubbles and timetabled face to face learning with their teachers.

Mask wearing for students and staff



Masks

Masks will be required for all staff and all students

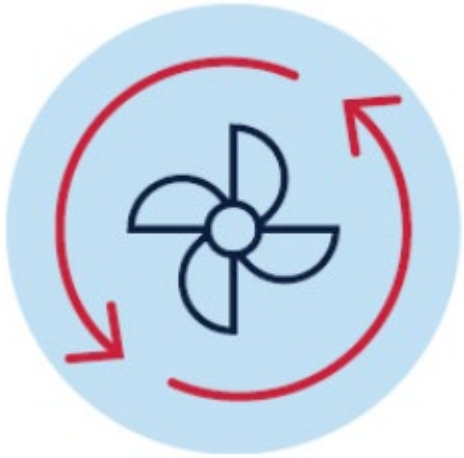
in Year 7 and above while they are indoors and outdoors on school sites unless eating or exercising.

Masks are strongly recommended for primary students both indoors and outdoors unless eating or exercising.

Students should bring their own masks where possible, but schools will have back-up supplies just in case. Masks are also required for all travel on public transport for children 13 years and older.

Masks are required to be worn on school site by staff indoors and outdoors and required for students indoors and outdoors unless eating or exercising.

Ventilation



Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air.

The school has been recently audited. Any window, ceiling fan or air conditioners of concern are being repaired by the DoE maintenance team.

School activities

During Term 4 many school-based activities will remain on hold until NSW Health advise otherwise.

This includes large celebrations like assemblies, presentation days and graduations, arts and sports events. If NSW Health advice changes, then we will let you know about changes as soon as possible.

At this stage we are planning to hold the Year 12 Graduation on Monday 6th December at 9.30am. The event will be onsite for students and staff only. The event will be livestreamed for parents and carers.

Year 11 Presentation assembly will be held on Monday 6th December at 1.00pm. Only students and staff will be in attendance at this event. This event will be livestreamed for parents and carers.



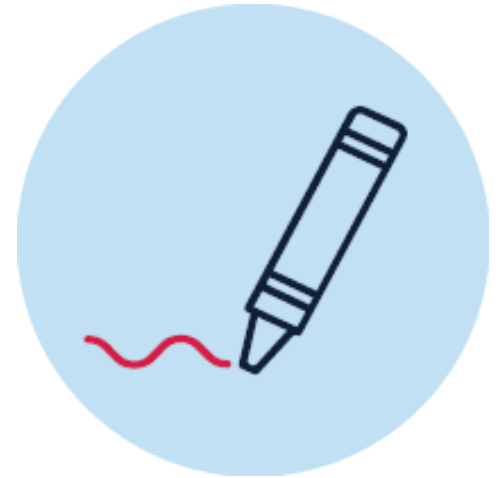
Orientation for Year 11 2022 - parents and students

Onsite orientations and transition programs are not currently allowed in person on school sites.

We'll share more information in the coming weeks about our school's virtual orientation and transition program.

Currently we are planning to hold a virtual Orientation evening for year 11 2022 parents and students on 23 November at 6pm.

If permitted, we are planning to conduct a orientation day onsite for Year 11 2022 students on 9 December.



HSC student revision and support



Teachers of HSC subjects are available now for revision and support during their usual timetabled HSC classes.

Students must stay within their study bubble groups and not mingle with other groups.

Study bubbles are limited to a maximum of 5 students – the same 5 students are to stay together in their group while at school and can be in the school for up to 3 hours a day.

From 18 October HSC students can access site full-time school for revision in study bubbles and timetabled face to face learning with their teachers.

What you need to know about HSC exams

We are putting in place and preparing COVID-safe arrangements for exams to minimise mixing between students. These plans include appropriate spacing for students and that exams are conducted in well-ventilated rooms and spaces, mask wearing for students and staff onsite. We are also organising alternative venues in the event we need to relocate the exams.

If required the alternative venue for Wyndham HSC students will be WSU Nirimba Campus and Quakers Hill High School hall.



Further information and questions

All of our students are expected to be back at school for their staggered return dates. After this date we will only be supporting learning from home where this is required by NSW Health to do so.

Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. During this time we will continue to provide learning from home activities and we will let you know when we can return to face-to-face learning through our usual communication channels – email, Wyndham College Facebook and Instagram and our website.

Find updated information on the department's *Advice for families* page to support students who are anxious about the return to school – or get in touch with us directly.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Thank you

You can ask questions through the Q&A feature in Zoom.